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DRAFT DECISION

Capacity 21

The Governing Council,

Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 47/194 of 22 December 1992,

Recalling further that Agenda 21 calls on the United Nations Development Programme to take a leading role in assisting recipient countries to build their capacities in support of sustainable development and their capacities to implement Agenda 21,

Taking into account the discussions held during its special session in 1993, which stressed the need to clarify further the goals and scope of Capacity 21,

1. Approves the decision of the Administrator to launch Capacity 21;

2. Decides that the United Nations Development Programme should present specific and detailed proposals for the full implementation of Capacity 21 to the Governing Council at its fortieth session, including recommendations on how to distribute Capacity 21 resources;

3. Urges the developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute new and additional resources, in particular through Capacity 21.

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DRAFT DECISION

United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 91/38 of 25 June 1991 and 92/34 of 26 May 1992,

Bearing in mind the Secretary-General's intention to have the new Department for Development Support and Management Service serve as a focal point for the provision of management services for technical cooperation, combining the relevant core functions of the Office for Project Services and the former Department of Technical Cooperation for Development,

Stressing its role in providing governance on the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Development Programme,

Requests the President of the Governing Council to bring the present decision expressing the following concerns to the attention of the General Assembly at its resumed forty-seventh session and, as appropriate, to the Fifth Committee:

(a) The need to consider the continuing role of the Governing Council in relation to the Office for Project Services;

(b) The need to maintain, as a minimum, the current degree of autonomy of the Office for Project Services, including its self-financing principle and to improve further its effectiveness and efficiency and the delivery of United Nations Development Programme-financed technical cooperation;

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(c) The fact that the Govering Council will review the financial, administrative and personnel implications for the budget of the United Nations Development Programme at its fortieth session (1993);

(d) Bearing in mind paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December, the need to ensure to the maximum extent possible the delegation of authority to the Resident Coordinator for the implementation of activities of the Office for Project Services.